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NEW HUNAN CRISIS.

LI CHAI-SUM VIRTUALLY A "PRISONER."

PEI CHUNG-HSI GIVES NEW TURN TO SITUATION.

SENSATIONAL REPORT.

That Marshal Li Chai-sum is a virtual prisoner of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, though his movements in Nanking are not restricted, is one of the main features of sensational reports from Chinese sources received in the Colony to-day.

It is feared that an outbreak of hostilities between Hankow and the Central Government is imminent, Marshal Chiang having sent a strongly-worded telegram to Hankow in reply to accusations that Nanking troops are pouring into Kiangsi.

Another unexpected development reported is the arrival in Hankow of General Pei Chung-hsi, the Kwangsi leader, and it is suggested that he has consulted with Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang with regard to the situation.

A connexion between the resignations of Marshal Feng, General Li Chung-yen, and General Pei is alleged.

WUHAN-NANKING CLASH IMMINENT.

The Nanking-Hankow dissension which was thought to have been patched up recently has suddenly taken a turn for the worse. According to cables from Hankow received by the Wah Kiu Yat Po early this morning, General Pei Chung-hsi, one of the "Big Four" who has been variously reported as being in the Peiping Legation Quarter, at Tongshan and at other places, has suddenly made his appearance in Hankow.

Immediately after his arrival, a secret conference of the military leaders was called to discuss the quarrel with Nanking.

The presence of General Pei in Hankow was rendered obligatory by the fact that Li Chai-sum and Li Chung-yen, the other Kwangsi military chiefs, are in Nanking and Shanghai respectively.

Marshal Li "Held."

Another alarming report is contained in a telegram which, it is learned on reliable authority, was addressed to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek by General Hu Chung-lok, one of the Human leaders, protesting against the "holding" of Marshal Li Chai-sum in Nanking.

It is now stated that ever since his arrival in the capital Marshal Li Chai-sum has been "guarded" by four military officers appointed by Marshal Chiang.

If General Hu's telegram means what it really says, the liberty of Marshal Li, who is the most prominent figure of the Kwangsi party, and who can scarcely avoid being mixed up in the Human affair, is very doubtful.

When Marshal Li arrived at Nanking, a cable was received stating that he was to stay in the capital "permanently" and would not return to Canton for the time being.

Puzzling Situation.

It was thought to mean merely that Marshal Li was to stay in Nanking throughout the Third Kuomin-tang Congress with the object of assisting to patch up the differences between Nanking and Hankow.

Should Marshal Li be a "virtual prisoner" in the capital, as is now feared, the situation is changed considerably. Meanwhile the followers of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek have been active regarding the Kuomin-tang Congress and strong words have been used against the Wuhan leaders.

Nanking Demands.

It is demanded that those who dare to take military actions without the approval of the Central Government shall be severely punished. The evacuation of the Kwangsi armies and their allies from Hunan, which they recently took over from General Li Teng-ting, has also been demanded.

It will be recalled that a Reuter cable yesterday announced that Marshal Li Chai-sum supported a motion to this effect, after a "permissible interval."

It is feared in political circles that the arrival in Hankow of Pei Chung-hsi can have

SWATOW BANKER STILL HELD.

STRONG PROTESTS BY CHAMBER.

KIDNAPPERS MAY BE FORMER SOLDIERS.

CAPTIVE IN PERIL.

Swatow, Mar. 18.—Although more than a week has now passed since the abduction by bandits of Mr. Gou Hong-Tai—one of Swatow's leading bankers—no news of his whereabouts has as yet been discovered, and there seems to be no immediate prospect of his release. The affair has created a good deal of apprehension here, especially among the business people.

As previously reported, Mr. Gou was on his way home in a ricksha and was approaching the Anglo-Chinese College when, in a rather deserted part of the road, he was attacked by a gang of bandits or kidnappers. He was dragged out of the ricksha and carried off together with the coolie.

Later, however, the coolie was released, and was given a letter which Mr. Gou had been compelled to write to his wife demanding \$300,000 as ransom, failing payment of which Mr. Gou would be put to death.

Strong Protests.

The Swatow Chamber of Commerce has written a very strong letter addressed to the Municipal Body, the police, and the military authorities urging that immediate and drastic action be taken to secure the release of Mr. Gou, and to prevent any possibility of further outrages of a similar nature.

The municipal authorities have posted up notices in the town, urging people not to be alarmed, and stating that measures are being taken to ensure that no further captures take place. What these measures are is not stated, and the extent to which the public will put its faith in such statements depends very largely on whether the authorities show themselves capable of backing words with actions; there is no doubt that what would reassure the towns-folk much more than mere statements would be some active effort to trace and rescue the missing banker.

Ugly Rumours.

Ugly rumours as to the identity of the bandits are current in Swatow. It transpired, after the event, that several people were on the road and witnessed the actual attack on the banker, but refrained—with true Oriental detachment—from interfering, as they thought the attack was the result of some personal quarrel.

These spectators have reported that the bandits were not Swatow men but Cantonese, their evidence being that they heard the attackers address their victim in the Cantonese dialect.

The deduction from this is that the bandits were either soldiers or recently-disbanded soldiers, as the military force here in Swatow is composed entirely of Cantonese men. This is obviously not a very sure inference, since it does not follow that every Cantonese-speaking person in the district is a soldier. However, a great many people in Swatow believe that the murderers were other soldiers or ex-soldiers, and it must be confessed that there are more unlikely explanations of their identity.

Threat Fears.

Meantime, the unfortunate victim is not nearer being released, and grave fears are being expressed on all sides as to his safety. The ransom demanded has not been paid, and the time-limit of ten days set by the bandits expires to-day.

It is generally feared that if something is not done very soon, the bandits may carry out their threat and put him to death. If they realise that there is no hope of ransom, they may feel that their prisoner is only a menace to them. It is to be hoped that some way of releasing this unfortunate man may be found before it is too late.—Our Own Correspondent.

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LATEST SHANGHAI STREET FIGHT.

DESPERADO SHOT DEAD IN HEART OF CITY.

FOREIGN WITNESSES.

Shanghai, Mar. 20.—Another dramatic episode in Shanghai criminal annals was recorded yesterday afternoon (Tuesday) when a street battle between the police and an armed desperado occurred in the heart of the International Settlement at a time when foreigners were on their way home from their offices.

The affair started in Nanking Road when the police challenged a suspicious character. He drew a revolver and made a burst for freedom.

A desperado tussle took place at the junction of Nanking Road and Chekiang Road, bullets flying in all directions. The armed ruffian was shot dead.

Hundreds of foreigners on their way home were forced to witness

YANGTSE RIVER STILL VERY LOW.

TWO STEAMERS NOW REPORTED TO BE ASHORE.

"GNAT" TO THE RESCUE.

A naval wireless message received from Hankow to-day states that the river is still very low and continues to fall.

Hunter Island Channel is at present blocked by two steamers which have gone ashore.

H.M.S. *Gnat* has sailed from Hankow to render assistance to the distressed vessels, the names and nationality of which are not specified.

At the exciting affair, as traffic was completely dislocated until the dead man had been taken away.—Our Own Correspondent.

CAR TOPPLES INTO HARBOUR.

CHAUFFEUR AND GIRLS GET DUCKING.

The chauffeur and two occupants of a public car received ducking in the waters of the harbour in the early hours of this morning when the vehicle ran over the seawall near the China Merchants' Wharf at Connaught Road West.

Reporting the affair to the police after the accident, the chauffeur stated that in swerving his car to the right, he found that he was unable to check its progress, with the result that it toppled over the seawall into the harbour. He and his two passengers, a girl of 17 and another of 12, were thrown into the water, from which they were rescued by a sampan.

Suffering from shock and the effects of the immersion, the two girls have been taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

An endeavour is to be made today to salvage the car, which is in about 15 feet of water.

BRITISH FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA.

AIRMEN REACH ROME IN SAFETY.

Rome, Mar. 19.—Flight Lieutenant Moir and Flight Officer Owen, who are attempting to fly from England to Australia in twelve days thus beating Hinkler's record, have arrived here.—Reuter.

BRITISH UNEMPLOYMENT RETURNS.

London, Mar. 19.—The latest unemployment returns show a striking improvement. On March 11th, the total number of workless was 1,268,800, which was 118,602 less than the week before. Compared with a year ago, there was an increase of 107,085.—British Wireless.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE PROBABLES.

BIG FIELD IN TO-DAY'S BIG RACE.

MISCOU FAVOURITE FOR THE SEASON'S FIRST CLASSIC.

THE GRAND NATIONAL.

London, Mar. 19.—England's racing public is greatly excited at the re-opening of the flat season, and it is anticipated that a huge crowd will be at Lincoln tomorrow for the first of the big Spring Handicaps.

The field will probably be the biggest for some years, with more than thirty horses going to the post.

The probable starters, together with weights and jockeys, are as follows:

The Lincolnshire Handicap, a sweepstakes of 20 sovs. each, with 1,000 sovs. added; for three-year-olds and upwards; the lowest weight may be 5st.; the second to receive 100 sovs. and the third 50 sovs. out of the stakes.

The Straight Mile. Capture Him (7.1), Hesitation (7.1), Starburst (7.1), Garnock (7.10), Saint Fortune (7.8), Ormonde (7.8), Residue (7.8), Copral (7.2), Athford (7.4), Galopin X (7.4), Tommy Atkins (7.4), Elton (7.2), Irish Romance (7.1), Redstar (7.1), Unstoppable (7.1), Miss Fortune (7.1), Spec Cast (6.15), John Silver (6.18), The Undiscovered (6.18), Volante (6.18), Harpon (6.11), Covent Garden (6.10), County Guy (6.7), Captain (6.7), Blue Star (6.8), Scintillation (6.8), Notorious (6.8), Berkley Bridge (6.8), Residue (6.8), Treasure Island (6.8), Minnie Ha Ha (6.8), On Approval (6.8), Manto (6.8), Hindoo (6.8).

The Betting. The betting for the race is appended:

100/12 (t. and o.) Misco, 9/1 (t. and o.) Scintillation, 100/7 (t. and o.) Garnock, 100/7 (t. and o.) Unstoppable, 100/6 (t.) Ormonde, 20/1 (t. and o.) Tommy Atkins, 20/1 (t. and o.) Copral, 20/1 (t. and o.) Cornwallis, 20/1 (t. and o.) Hampst, 20/1 (t. and o.) Capture Him, 22/1 (t. and o.) Irish Romance, 22/1 (t. and o.) Saint Fortune, 25/1 (t. and o.) Residue, 25/1 (t. and o.) Notorious, 25/1 (t. and o.) On Approval, 25/1 (t. and o.) Athford, 33/1 (t. and o.) Sonje, 33/1 (t. and o.) Covent Garden, 40/1 (t. and o.) The Undiscovered, 40/1 (t. and o.) Guards' Parade, 50/1 (t. and o.) Musical Prince, 50/1 (offered) Treasure Island, Minnie Ha Ha, and John Silver, 60/1 (offered) Galopin X, Elton, Elsen Star, Berkley Bridge, Manto, and Harpon.

The Grand National.

The Grand National Steeplechase has also attracted a remarkable entry. The greatest racing spectacle of the year, it is to be run at Aintree over 886 yards on Friday, March 22nd, and the probable starters and jockeys are as follows:

Master Hero (12.7), Bright Boy (12.4), Rocker (2.8), Trump Card (11.8), Grade (11.0), Mount Etna (11.7), Blackbird (11.4), Greigalach (11.4), Ardees (11.2), The Ace (11.1), Mrs. L. (11.1), Carfax (11.1), Hallystock (11.1), Montaigne II, by Mountain Chief, out of Sweet Alison, Lord (11.1), Master Hitler (11.0), Sir (11.0), Le Touquet (10.12), Arden's Price (10.10), Tipperary, Tim (10.10), Fox Flight (10.10), Mrs. J. (10.1), Sandy Hook (10.8), Knockier (10.8), Dwarf of Forest (10.8), Diamond (10.8), H. (10.8), Golden Eagle (10.8), Heriot's Choice (10.8), Beach-martin (10.7), Runcorn (10.6), R. (10.6), Mrs. D. (10.5), Hawker (10.5), Gay Dog (10.5), Edinburgh (10.5), H. (10.5), Ballinwood (10.2), Campsdown (10.1), Toy Bell (10.1), Mrs. G. (10.1), Mrs. K. (10.1), Mrs. B. (10.1), Mrs. D. (10.1), Mrs. E. (10.1), Mrs. F. (10.1), Mrs. G. (10.1), Mrs. H. (10.1), Mrs. I. (10.1), Mrs. J. (10.1), Mrs. K. (10.1), Mrs. L. (10.1), Mrs. M. (10.1), Mrs. N. (10.1), Mrs. O. (10.1), Mrs. P. (10.1), Mrs. Q. (10.1), Mrs. R. (10.1), Mrs. S. (10.1), Mrs. T. (10.1), Mrs. U. (10.1), Mrs. V. (10.1), Mrs. W. (10.1), Mrs. X. (10.1), Mrs. Y. (10.1), Mrs. Z. (10.1), Mrs. A. (10.1), Mrs. B. (10.1), Mrs. C. (10.1), Mrs. D. (10.1), Mrs. E. (10.1), Mrs. F. (10.1), Mrs. G. (10.1), Mrs. H. (10.1), Mrs. I. (10.1), Mrs. J. (10.1), Mrs. K. (10.1), Mrs. L. (10.1), Mrs. M. (10.1), Mrs. N. (10.1), Mrs. O. (10.1), Mrs. P. (10.1), Mrs. Q. (10.1), Mrs. R. (10.1), Mrs. S. (10.1), Mrs. T. (10.1), Mrs. U. (10.1), Mrs. V. (10.1), Mrs. W. (10.1), Mrs. X. (10.1), Mrs. Y. (10.1), Mrs. Z. (10.1), Mrs. A. (10.1), Mrs. B. (10.1), Mrs. C. (10.1), Mrs. D. (10.1), Mrs. E. (10.1), Mrs. F. (10.1), Mrs. G. (10.1), Mrs. H. (10.1), Mrs. I. (10.1), Mrs. J. (10.1), Mrs. K. (10.1), Mrs. L. (10.1), Mrs. M. (10.1), Mrs. N. (10.1), Mrs. O. (10.1), Mrs. P. (10.1), Mrs. Q. (10.1), Mrs. R. (10.1), Mrs. S. (10.1), Mrs. T. (10.1), Mrs. U. (10.1), Mrs. V. (10.1), Mrs. W. (10.1), Mrs. X. (10.1), Mrs. Y. (10.1), Mrs. Z. (10.1), Mrs. A. (10.1), Mrs. B. (10.1), Mrs. C. (10.1), Mrs. D. (10.1), Mrs. E. (10.1), Mrs. F. (10.1), Mrs. G. (10.1), Mrs. H. (10.1), Mrs. I. (10.1), Mrs. J. (10.1), Mrs. K. (10.1), Mrs. L. (10.1), Mrs. M. (10.1), Mrs. N. (10.1), Mrs. O. (10.1), Mrs. P. (10.1), Mrs. Q. (10.1), Mrs. R. (10.1), Mrs. S. (10.1), Mrs. T. (10.1), Mrs. U. (10.1), Mrs. V. (10.1), Mrs. W. (10.1), Mrs. X. (10.1), Mrs. Y. (10.1), Mrs. Z. (10.1), Mrs. A. (10.1), Mrs. B. (10.1), Mrs. C. (10.1), Mrs. D. (10.1), Mrs. E. (10.1), Mrs. F. (10.1), Mrs. G. (10.1), Mrs. H. (10.1), Mrs. I. (10.1), Mrs. J. (10.1), Mrs. K. (10.1), Mrs. L. (10.1), Mrs. M. (10.1), Mrs. N. (10.1), Mrs. O. (10.1), Mrs. P. (10.1), Mrs. Q. (10.1), Mrs. R. (10.1), Mrs. S. (10.1), Mrs. T. (10.1), Mrs. U. (10.1), Mrs. V. (10.1), Mrs. W. (10.1), Mrs. X. (1

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LOCAL WEDDING.

MISS JEAN HO TUNG AND MR. W. M. GITTINS.

An important social event occurred yesterday, when Miss Jean Ho Tung, the daughter of Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung was married to Mr. W. M. Gittins, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Gittins of Kowloon.

The ceremony was performed in the Registry Office at 3.30 in the afternoon and was followed by a reception at the home of Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, "Idlewild," Seymour Road, where five hundred friends and relatives of the parties attended.

The bride, who was given away at the official ceremony by her father, was seen in "Idlewild" in a dress of ivory coloured cut velvet, with a train lined with blushing pink georgette. She looked exceedingly charming, as, together with the bridegroom, she received the congratulations of their many friends. A bouquet of arum lilies which she carried added to the effect.

Attending the bride were Miss C. M. Fisher and Miss P. G. Lo, both of whom wore old fashioned robes of flowered taffeta and velvet and carried pretty bouquets of sweet peas. Not the least charming of the group was Master Wilbur Lo, who, as page boy, looked very handsome in a long dress of pink.

Lady Ho Tung who together with Sir Robert received the congratulations of the many friends of the family, was seen in a dress of crepe broche. Mr. E. Zimmerman performed the duties of best man.

Reception at "Idlewild."

The reception at the home of Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung began at 4 p.m., there being many prominent members of the community present, including the Hon. Sir Shou-sun and Lady Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall and Mrs. Kotewall; the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga and Mrs. Braga, the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North and Mrs. North, the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tao, Sir Ely Kadoorie, Mr. J. E. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lo, Mrs. Ho Fook, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Leung, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kwong, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Ki, Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Mr. W. W. Hornell, Mrs. W. T. Southorn, Mr. R. A. Ponsonby Fane, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gordon Mackie, Mr. Wong Karofuk, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. R. Sample, Prof. C. A. Middleton Smith, Mr. W. B. Flinnigan, Dr. Wong Man, Mr. Fung Heung-chun, Mr. Franklin Tse, Mr. Tang Chi-pong, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Mr. B. W. Tape, Mr. Mok Kon-sang, Mr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. Kwok Siu-lau, Mr. Fung Ping-shan, Mr. J. F. Grose, Mr. S. M. Churn, Mr. J. D. Bush, Dr. E. Law, Dr. Arthur Woo, Dr. and Mrs. Wong Chung-yik, Mr. H. H. Hung, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. Li Yau-tsun and many others.

An interesting guest at "Idlewild" was Lady Liang, wife of the late Sir Chan Tung Liang Shing, who was at one time Minister for China to Great Britain. She was accompanied by her son, Mr. S. W. Liang. The popularity of the bride's parents was shown by the presence of the elders of the New Territories, in the agricultural development of which Lady Ho Tung has taken a deep interest. The directors of the Tung Wah Hospital and Po Leung Kuk were also present.

The reception was given in the garden, where also the bride and bridegroom, together with Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung and Mr. and Mrs. H. Gittins, received the congratulations of their many friends.

The wedding cake, a beautiful creation of four tiers, was the object of much admiration and was a credit to Messrs. Lane, Crawford, who supplied it.

The Toasts.

The toast of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by Pro-

fessor H. G. Hughes of the Hongkong University, who said that he felt that a very considerable compliment was paid to him; and that was a thing which he was very human about and which he thoroughly enjoyed. He felt a certain sense of magnanimity and a glow of self-satisfied generosity at finding himself where he was.

Proceeding, Professor Hughes said that he would let his audience into a rather intimate secret. "Not very long ago," he said, "the bride was the apple of my eye (daughter). I hasten here to explain that she was the academic apple of my strictly academic eye." (Laughter).

There was a time, said Professor Hughes, when he had hoped that the bride would be the future historian of the China Coast. In that, however, he was disappointed. The bridegroom came along, and, he saw and, he conquered! Only those who were in the speaker's profession could realise what it meant to him to be deprived of that hope of his. The bride knew, from long experience, the speaker's genius for finding the wrong word for the wrong thing, and Professor Hughes hoped that the bride would excuse him if he likened his experience to that of an old hen who found she had been hatching a duck.

The bride represented a family who had done a very great deal for the University. Sir Robert Ho Tung was a magnificent patron of learning in Hongkong, and the University had received from the bride such support as was consistent with the support received from other members of the family, and in keeping with the best traditions of the students of the University.

A Missing Faculty.

The speaker, continuing, said that he had no desire of embarrassing the bride by recounting the brilliance of her short career at the University, and it was sufficient to give just one example of her talent. One dull dreary morning he was discussing Queen Elizabeth with the bride and he happened to ask in his boat pontifically why it was that Queen Elizabeth was an old maid and the reply was "Because she had no faculty for engineering." (Laughter).

The bridegroom, said Professor Hughes, had been a longer time at the University, and his record was no less honourable. He was with the University as an undergraduate and later as a member of the staff. In every way Mr. Gittins was admired, both for his loyalty and for the kind, good words which he had for everyone on every occasion. Professor Hughes assured the parents of the bridegroom that their son, throughout his career at the University, was an unqualified credit to them.

It was as an athlete, however, that the bridegroom impressed the speaker most. That was probably because the speaker himself was no athlete. He saw the bridegroom's collection of trophies and observed that there were long thin cups and short fat cups. There were big ones and little ones and things that bulged out like an urn, and these made him wonder what the bridegroom could have done to deserve them all. "I warn you all," added the Professor, "that should the rumour ever go about that W. Gittins is melting down his trophies, there would be a panic in the silver market and the dollar would wobble." (Laughter).

The speaker ended by saying that he was beginning to realise the meaning of "Gather ye rosebuds while ye may," for the more one gathered, the less rosebuds there would be and the less gatherers there would be and then, and only then, the world would be safe—for bachelors!

Bridegroom's Reply.

The company was then asked to drink to the health of the bride and bridegroom.

The bridegroom, speaking on behalf of the bride and himself,

FAKE HAIR LOTION.

TWO CHINESE FIRMS FINED.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon the Sun Shing Tai, foreign goods dealers, of No. 9, Kwong Yuen Street, were summoned for infringement of trade marks in respect of a number of bottles of "Pompler" hair lotion, manufactured by L. T. Piver, of Paris.

Mr. O. E. G. Marion appeared for Messrs. W. R. Loxley and Co., agents for L. T. Piver.

Evidence of the finding of four dozen bottles on the defendants' premises was given by Sergeant Fitcher, who spoke of having received his information from Mr. T. A. Mitchell, of Messrs. W. R. Loxley and Co. Witness said he found one bottle exposed for sale on the ground floor and the remainder on the first floor.

Mr. T. A. Mitchell said that through his broker he sent an employee out with instructions to buy as many bottles of the imitation lotion as possible. The man brought back 40 bottles, accompanied by a receipt secured from the defendants.

Mr. Charles Babou, General Manager in the Far East of L. T. Piver of Paris, gave evidence as regards the spurious nature of the labels and contents.

Defendants' representative in Court stated that they unwittingly bought the stuff from a firm in Japan, whose name he gave.

Goods Confiscated.

After looking up the law on the subject, his Worship pointed out that it was a duty imposed on the defendants by the Ordinance to have made certain that the goods were genuine. His Worship convicted defendants on the two charges of possession and application of the false trade marks, and imposed a fine of \$50. on each count, with the alternative of one month's imprisonment. The goods were ordered to be confiscated.

The Sing Lee, of No. 241, Des Voeux Road, was another firm to be similarly summoned. On pleading guilty, they were fined \$25 on the first charge and cautioned on the second, his Worship being informed that only six bottles were seized in their case.

Defendants, who stated that they purchased the stuff from a travelling trader, were also warned to be more careful in their future dealings. They then asked if they could have a free sample of the genuine stuff for future guidance.

His Worship pointed out to Mr. T. A. Mitchell that the request was possibly one that might prove to be very advantageous for his firm.

Mr. Mitchell replied that he would comply with the request with great pleasure.

thanked the gathering for the presents and congratulations which they had showered on him and his wife. He said that he was, like many others, a nervous bridegroom, and as such, had nothing to say. Where talk was concerned, he sometimes wondered why it was that the bride should not take up the matter on such occasions. He thanked the gathering very heartily indeed for coming to the function. (Applause).

Tea was then served to the large assembly, during which the band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers supplied an excellent selection of musical items.

A guard of honour was formed at the entrance of "Idlewild" by Girl Guides and Boy Scouts, with which movements both the bride and bridegroom have been closely connected as officers.

The honeymoon, it is learned, will be spent in Shanghai and the North. The newly-wed couple will sail to-day by the Empress of Russia. The bride's going away dress will be one of powder blue broche velvet.

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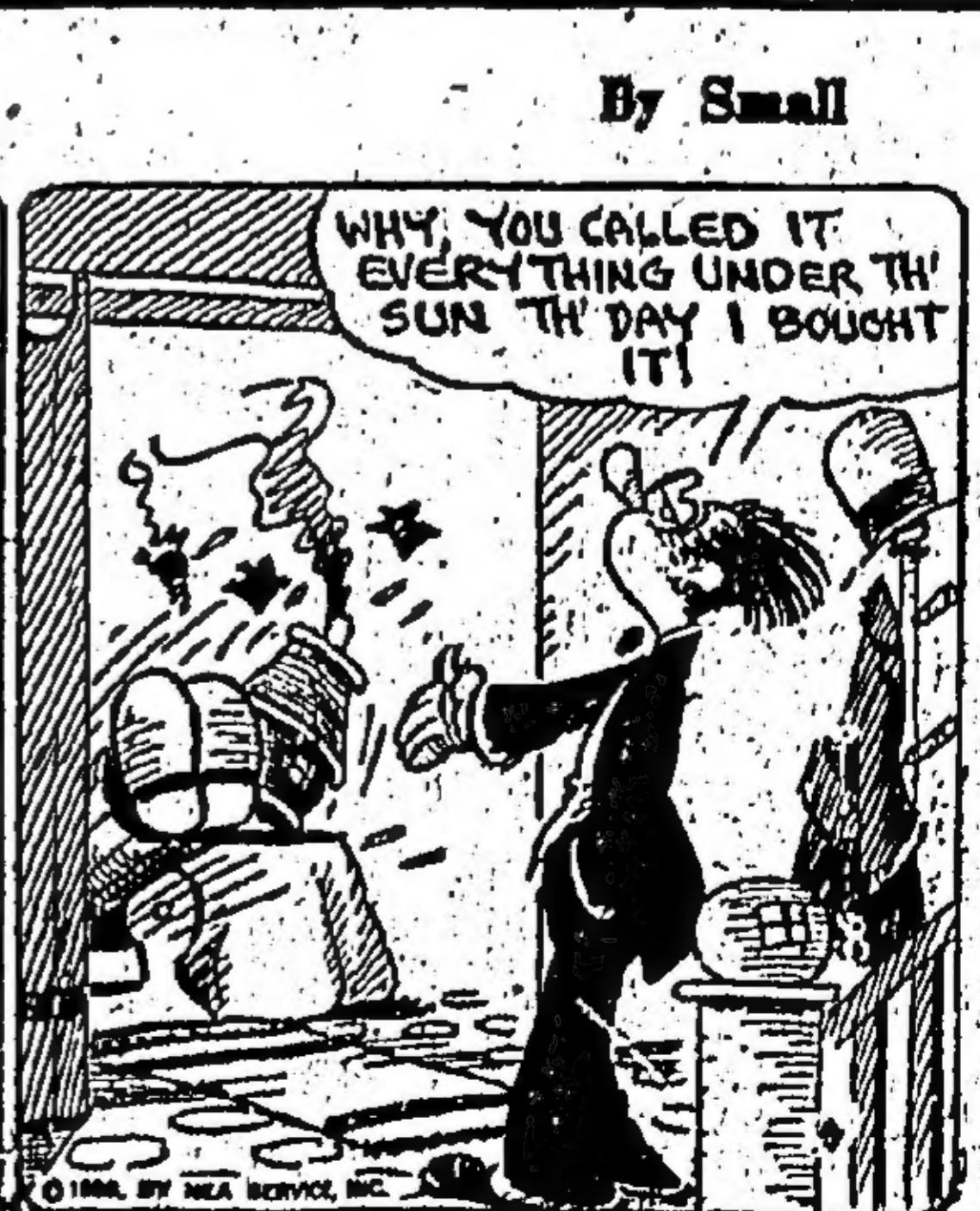
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The above group was taken in Singapore recently on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Emily Aboles, of Shanghai, to Mr. Maurice S. Beneventura, of Dublin. The honeymoon was spent in Shanghai.



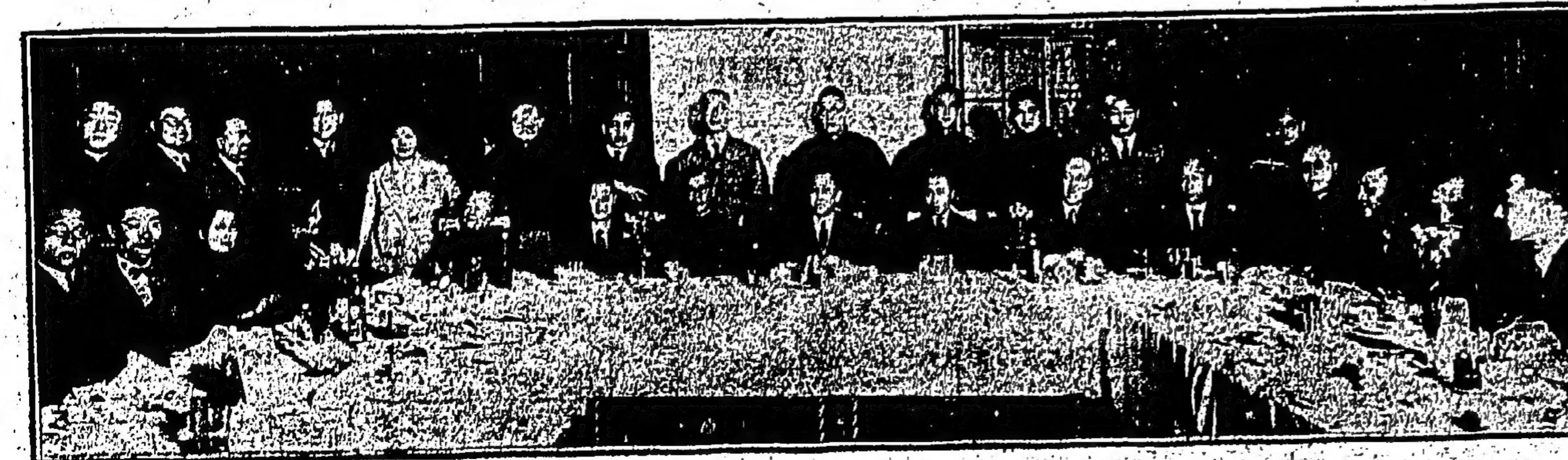
After the wedding in Shanghai of Sergt. S. Sherroch, S. M. P., and Miss Helen Olesova.



Pictures taken when Fourth Regiment, U. S. Marine Corps were reviewed by Major-General E. K. Cole, at the Shanghai Race Course. Top left shows Major-General Cole and Col. C. H. Lyman, commanding the Fourth Regt. Top right a platoon with "eyes right" passing the reviewing stand. Bottom left—Major-General Cole inspecting the band. Bottom right—the General talking to officers.



Group taken at the Majestic Hotel, Shanghai on the occasion of the celebration of St. David's Day by the Welsh Society, which began with the usual ceremony at the War Memorial and ended with the annual dinner.



At the annual meeting of the Chinese Mission to Lepers, held at the Bankor's Club, Shanghai, recently. In the centre is Mr. Wm. Yinson Lee, elected President for the fourth consecutive year.



Gon Jose Guerra, former Premier of Spain, who has been held in prison at Valencia as the result of the recent disorders.



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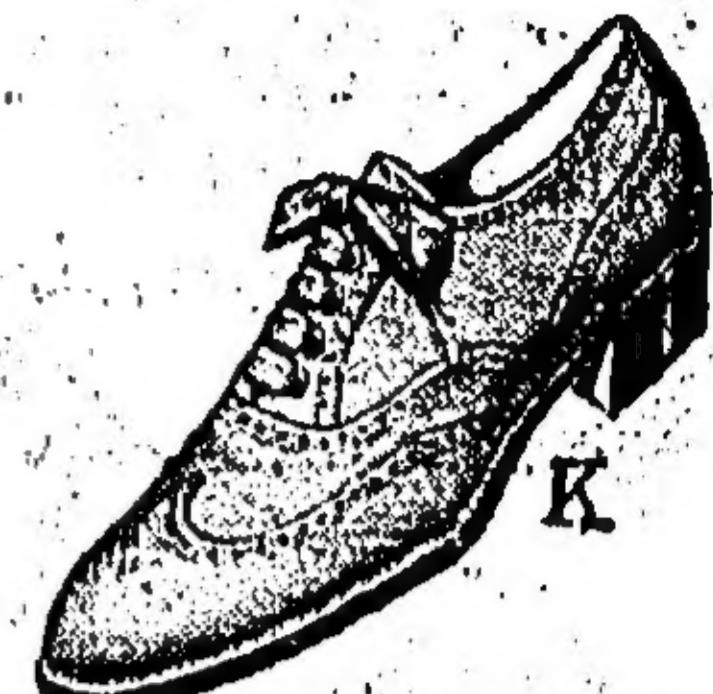
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NOTICE is hereby given that an Interim Dividend of Five per cent. on the paid-up Capital of the Company has been declared in respect of the financial year ending 30th September, 1929, and that such dividend will be payable on Monday, 6th May, 1929, on and after which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained upon application at the Head Office of the Company St. George's Building, Hongkong.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday, 15th April, 1929, to Saturday, 4th May, 1929, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-fourth Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 28th March, 1929, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1928.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, the 23rd day of March to Thursday, the 28th day of March, 1929, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Manager. Hongkong, 18th March, 1929.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, 27th March, 1929, at NOON, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1928.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 19th to the 27th March, 1929, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1929.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Sixtieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undesignated on Tuesday, the 26th March, 1929, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1928.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1929, both days inclusive.

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LIGHTS OUT IN PARIS.

ALLEGED WORK OF COMMUNISTS.

Paris, Feb. 6.—The Communists cut off three-quarters of Paris to-day from electric light and power, or are credited with so doing. This is their revenge for the Government's decision not to release Marty from prison in spite of his election to the Chamber.

At 9.30 this morning fire suddenly broke out in one of the subterranean conduits carrying high-tension cables from the power station at St. Ouen which feeds the greater part of Paris, and is one of the most powerful in Europe. The outbreak, due to a short circuit, is ascribed to a Communist outrage, although this is semi-officially denied.

Candle Queues.

Instantly fifteen of the twenty arrondissements of Paris were deprived of electricity. Save for the 16th arrondissement the whole of the right bank comprising the principle business quarters of the capital, were without current.

The fire brigade was quickly at the seat of the fire, but the men had to work in masks owing to the volumes of dense smoke caused by burning rubber, repairs thus being greatly impeded. Throughout the day Paris has suffered from partial paralysis. Only the establishments supplied with their own generators were able to carry on as usual.

For the rest everybody had to rely on haphazard illumination, and grocers' shops did a huge trade in candles. Before being sold out, as they were by three o'clock, long candle queues had formed. Even J. P. Morgan and Company were caught napping and sent out quickly for extra guards before even getting in candles.

What-made matters worse was that to-day was one of the best attempts of the London fog that Paris had seen this winter.

Big jewellers' shops for prudence sake were shut all the afternoon. Offices, shops, hospitals and schools struggled along with tiny oil lamps dug out of lumber rooms, but no one would give in. Even the show of Spring fashions at Joseph Paquin was not abandoned.

The "Red Belt."

This occurrence adds an additional tinge of gravity to the apprehension already felt by many Frenchmen at the strength of the Communist faction round Paris—the "Red belt" as it is called—which has been sedulously cultivated by agents of Moscow. The deplorable housing conditions of workers in the Paris suburbs and adjoining localities are also partly to blame.

If Paris had to-day, as is believed, a taste of Communist sabotage applied from the North, the danger in another quarter is at least as serious.

Athis-Mons and Juvisy, to the south-east of the capital, are the objectives of intense Communist propaganda that meets with a large measure of success at a distance of largely more than a mile from the military aviation ground of Orly, six miles from the great powder factory of Bouchet, and commanding at Juvisy three main railway lines—the Est, the P.L.M., and the Orleans—which at Villeneuve St. Georges, only one and a half miles from Athis, is the largest point system on the P.L.M.

The situation at the St. Ouen power station was got in hand somewhat earlier than had been feared. Between 3 and 4 o'clock company's electricity was available in the district round the Bourse and on the Grands Boulevards. By 4.30 the chief business quarters were being supplied with current. Nevertheless, the big boulevard arc lamps were unlit, and the city was clothed this evening in a dim religious light made more eerie by the lingering traces of the fog.

Of course the New York woman gets a tremendous amount of help. There are laboratories where youth-giving devices are always being invented and tested. There are doctors who specialise in helping her to keep thin, or to repair her nerves, and other doctors (beauty doctors these) who are continually treating her face and finding new preparations to keep her muscles firm and her skin young and fresh. And she is willing to try everything, to do as she is told and to sacrifice many of her pleasures to cling to youth or a semblance of youth.

Plastic Pack Craze.

Each year in New York some new beauty device is popular. The old ones are not abandoned but the new ones are first in

favour. This season it takes the form of "packs." The "plastic pack," which hails originally from Vienna, is particularly in favour. It is costly, and has to be applied eight to ten times. After a good cleansing with an oily cream, it is spread over the face and allowed to harden so that when removed it is a perfect cast of the features and it has cleaned and refreshed the skin.

Smoothing Out Extra Chins.

Even more costly is a pack of some astringent and cream, mixed together. When this is applied an electric vibrator is used and extra china are smoothed out and flabby jaw lines made firmer. Of course the women who indulge in face-lifting every two or three years do not need packs, but there are still great numbers of wealthy women who will undergo the lifting process, and it is for these that new packs and astringent treatments are always being offered, while women who have kept their facial contours fairly well cling to massage and padding treatments with an astringent, tie-up as the finishing touch.

The testing of the quality of hair and skin has become an important feature of beauty culture. A first visit to a beauty specialist is like consulting a doctor, for one gives details of health, of diet, disposition and the amount of exercise taken. Skin and muscles are scientifically examined and a treatment is finally recommended.

THE TRANSPARENT SKIRT.
An amusing innovation seen this season, and worn by many distinguished Parisiennes, is the transparent skirt on chiffon frocks. This is usually short in front and long in the back, and beneath it are worn chiffon knickers, which are often embroidered to match the gown. In one case, for instance, the dress and knickers are both trimmed with delicate designs, carried out in silver sequins.

Another innovation is the scarf (usually worn over a black satin coat) which can be twisted round the neck or may be transformed into two hanging panels at the back, when not needed. Yet another new idea are the sleeves which can be unbuttoned to form two loose panels at the side, while the wearer draws them into a cape.

Two Capes in One.

In most of the collections seen this season, at least one essentially practical idea is put forth, one to appeal to the busy woman, or the woman with the slender purse.

This idea of the couturiers makes it possible to have a choice of two capes in one garment, by using a rich silk velvet on one side, and tissue for the other. Much is made of evening wraps in this practical manner, trimming them sometimes with fur, occasionally with ostrich feathers, or giving them a full cape collar.

In one case, the cape which is in velvet of a beautiful shade of bronze, is smocked to a deep point in the centre of the back, while the reverse side is similarly trimmed.

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FINAL SESSIONS CASE.

ALLEGED BROTHER & SISTER ON TRIAL.

ROBBERY SEQUEL.

The Criminal Sessions were continued this morning, before the Puine Judge (Mr. Justice Wood), when the last case on this month's calendar in which Mo Man-to, alias Ho Ken-chun, and Ho Yee, an aman, are indicted for a robbery at No. 251, Lai-chik Road, third floor, was proceeded with. The case was called yesterday afternoon when Ho Man-to admitted the theft of certain articles only, while Ho Yee made a complete denial. His Lordship then decided to enter a plea of not guilty as regards the man and to continue the hearing of the case to-day before a jury.

It is alleged by the Crown, represented by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, that the aman opened the door to admit Ho Man-to at night and that articles of clothing and jewellery, as well as money, were stolen.

In outlining the case for the Crown, Mr. Fitzroy referred to the door by which the floor was entered, stating that a person with a small hand and thin arm could pull a hand through a spy-hole and undo all the bolts and bars with the exception of one. On February 7, he continued, the complainant, So Suck-chun, was living on the floor together with Ho Yee who worked as an aman. At about ten o'clock that night, So Suck-chun saw that the door was bolted and barred and went to bed.

Seized by Throat.

Shortly after midnight, So Suck-chun was awakened and saw a light and the shadows of two persons in the room. A quilt was placed over her head, she was seized by the throat, and a pillow was pressed against her face. She tried to remove it, but failed. A ring was then taken from her finger and she heard the noise of various things being opened.

Finally, she managed to free herself, and, on switching on the light, found Ho Yee lying on a bed with a quilt over her head and a strip of cloth tied over her mouth. Her hands and legs, however, were not tied.

Mr. Fitzroy explained that, so far as the Crown knew, the two prisoners were related to one another. Evidence would be called to show that they both lived at No. 87, Num Chung Street, ground floor, from November 24, last year. The principal tenant of that house would say he understood them to be brother and sister. The complainant employed Ho Yee as an aman on January 14, 1929.

Prisoner Aids Police.

The first prisoner, continued counsel, had given the police a good deal of assistance. He had pointed out where certain articles were hidden and had given up pawn tickets. Everything except a gold bangle and \$40 in money had been recovered.

When charged with the robbery at the Police Station, Ho Man-to admitted taking certain of the articles, but not all of them, while Ho Yee denied that he assisted him in any way. During the hearing of the case, added Mr. Fitzroy, Ho Man-to stated that he broke open the door and there were not two persons engaged. There was, he said, not so much money as \$40 and alleged that the complainant was exaggerating in this respect.

In regard to this, Mr. Fitzroy pointed out that the door was not broken and no man could have released the bottom bolt through the spy-hole.

The case is proceeding.

ANOTHER MAIL-BAG ROBBERY.

DELAY IN NOTIFYING POLICE.

London, Feb. 16.

Officers of the Criminal Investigation Department of Scotland Yard and of the London and North-Eastern Railway Company's police are assisting detectives of the General Post Office in an effort to discover the perpetrators of yet another serious mail-bag robbery which was officially announced yesterday.

The stolen bag contained registered packages, the full value of which is not yet known. It disappeared in transit between Hull and London.

It is only a fortnight since the last mail-bag robbery, when mail worth £16,600 was stolen from

OPIUM SMUGGLING EPIDEMIC.

DRUG BROUGHT FROM CANTON BY THE RAILWAY.

SEVERAL ARRESTS.

PIRACY HEROES REMEMBERED.

TABLET UNVEILED AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

VISIT TO CEMETERY.

There appears to be quite an epidemic of opium smuggling from Canton to Hongkong by the trains which arrive daily from the Chinese city. During the past 48 hours, several arrests have been made, the delinquents in most cases being women carriers, who apparently have been entrusted with the contraband to be conveyed to Hongkong on the off chance that they will escape the vigilance of the searchers.

In a case in which a woman was charged with being in possession of 72 taels of raw opium, it was stated by Det. Sergeant Fowle that the drug was contained in the pockets of a specially made waistcoat.

The woman, in reply to his Worship, said that she had been bluffed by somebody who had told her to take the opium to Kowloon where she would be met and relieved of the drug. The man said that there was nothing to be afraid of.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$2,000, or two months' hard labour.

A boy, aged 13, was brought before his Worship on a charge of being in possession of 76 taels of raw opium which, it was stated by Revenue Officer Fallon, was found concealed in nine bundles of dried vegetables.

The defendant said that he had been given the opium to bring to Hongkong and had been paid twenty cents.

His Worship remanded the defendant until to-morrow for his relatives to be communicated with.

It being stated that the drug was concealed in the false bottom of a wooden tub, a Chinese man was charged with possession of 34 taels of raw opium and fined \$1,000, or four months' hard labour in default.

A woman who had 30 taels tied round her waist was fined \$9,000, or one month's imprisonment.

NEW HUNAN CRISIS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

for War, as credence had been given to the story that Nanking recently discovered evidence of a military understanding between Feng Yu-hsiung and Li Chung-ying. Pei Chung-hsi also resigned his position with the Central Government, and it is considered in well-informed circles that there is a distinct association between these resignations.

Hankow Excitement.

Rumour is ripe at Hankow, and the atmosphere, subsequent to the arrival of Pei Chung-hsi, is reported to be electrical. The military conference has not yet concluded, though it is understood that Gen. Pei has made certain statements to other military officers in Hankow as the result of a consultation which he is reported to have had with Marshal Feng Yu-hsiung on his way south.

Later, the departure of Pei Chung-hsi from Peking was kept a close secret, even his own generals being taken by surprise. There is some doubt whether his forces in Peking will remain loyal to him in the event of war, it being stated in some circles that they are likely to support Nanking.

In any event, it will be impossible to recall them to Hankow in the event of a clash.—*Nan Chung Pao*.

The case is proceeding.

GERMANY'S BUDGET DIFFICULTIES.

OPPOSITION EXPECTED TO ARMY ESTIMATES.

Berlin, Mar. 19.

The military budget, excluding the navy totals G.M.R. 483,474,000.

The Estimates will come before the Reichstag shortly when it is considered likely that they will be considerably reduced in view of the state of the national finances.

Cristicism is at present directed at the fact that the army of 100,000 needs an administrative staff of 2,700.—*Reuter*.

Calcutta, Feb. 24.

It is understood that the report of the Indian States Inquiry Committee appointed under the chairmanship of Sir Harcourt Butler to inquire into the relationship between the Ruling Princes in India and the British Government, deals broadly with two important subjects—the fiscal relations of the Princes with the Government of India and the political relations of the States with the Paramount Power.

It is believed that the Butler Committee has recommended complete fiscal autonomy and complete independence to the States in fixing or levying Customs charges, duties, or tariffs, except under certain conditions.

The Delhi Correspondent of the *Statesman* says the Committee is reported to have almost wholly rejected the theory built up by Sir Leslie Scott (who was consulted as counsel by the Princes) for direct relationship with the Crown, and has practically reaffirmed the contention that the Viceroy, as the representative of the Crown, is constitutionally quite fit to deal directly with the States.

Changes Advised.

In order to facilitate the working of this theory, the Committee is understood to have recommended certain changes in present methods and the reorganisation of the Political Department of the Government of India.

In the case of States in whose territories it is specially laid down that the Government of India shall not entertain any petitions, complaints and appeals from the subjects of such States against the Ruler or his Administration, the Committee has recommended that, except when allegations of murder, gross immorality, or disloyalty are made these should not be entertained.

In the case of other States the Committee has laid down circumstances in which the Paramount Power should interfere in internal matters.

It is believed the Princes will be satisfied on the question of political relations.

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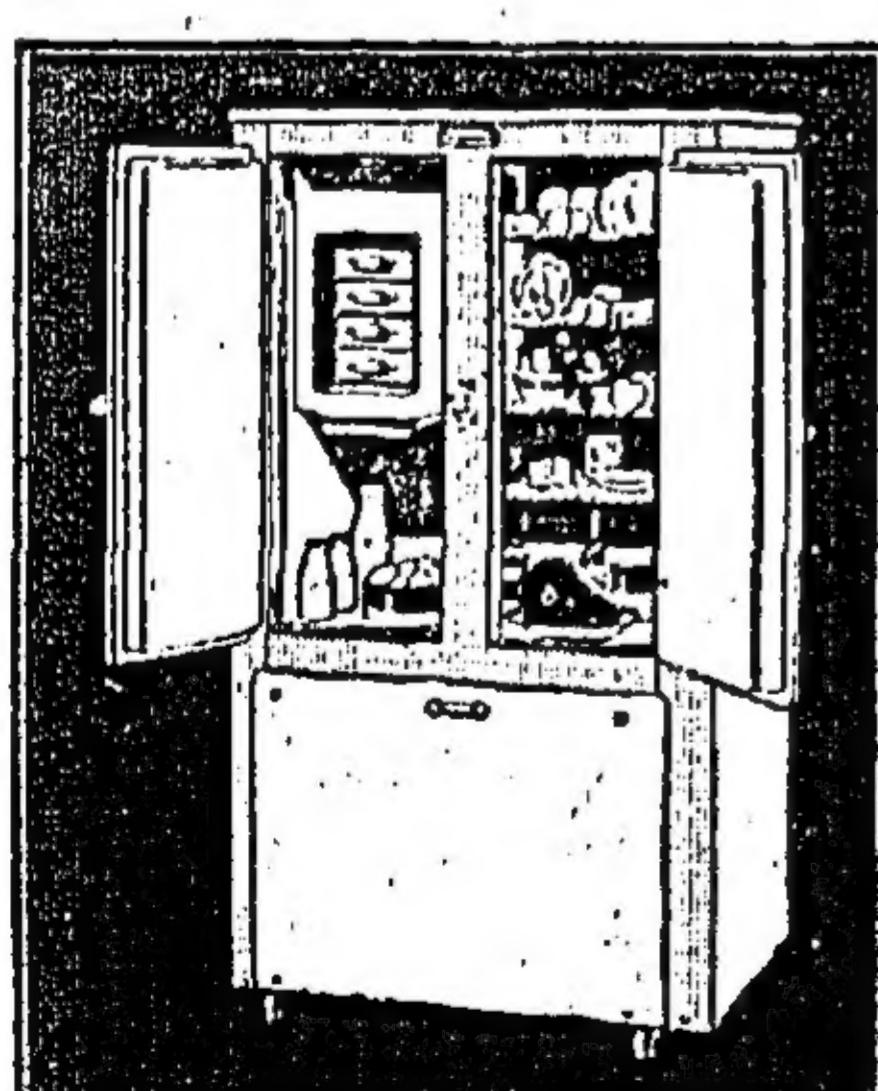


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CRICKET NOTES.

[By "Two Legs"]

As was generally expected, the University established themselves on Saturday as runners-up of the Senior Division. They have shown very consistent form all through the season with, however, one prominent exception when they lost rather sensationnally to the Chinese, and the second place which they have won for themselves is a correct reflection of their strength.

A. T. Lee, essentially a bowler, played a conspicuous part in their victory over the Royal Artillery. After returning an analysis of 4 for 26, he made top score (45) for his side. Lee has the making of a really good bat but has hardly ever come off. And it might be just as well, too, if knocking up big scores is going to adversely affect his bowling as is so often the case with local cricketers. The University has enough sound batsmen to cope with the best League bowlers and must retain at least a couple of bowlers of a little above the average standard.

On the R.A. side, Lt. Wright's splendid contribution of 46 at a very critical period was most welcome as a complete breakdown in the batting was imminent. As it was, the visitors mustered only 114 runs which was a very light task for the youthful Potkulam XI.

The University, who started their League fixtures very late indeed, on account of their examinations, have completed their programme, which is more than can be said of five other teams in the First Division. This is a splendid example of smooth organisation and close co-operation among the players, and is worthy of emulation. Such keenness, if it were more in evidence, would help considerably towards a smoother running of the competition and also take away a great deal of that staleness which is so apparent when things are dragged along until April. We have too many "straggler teams" than is good for the League.

FANLING HUNT.

[The GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.]

[By "Ringtail"]

Acc of Spades, My Lady, San Francisco, James Pigg, Movanganer, Craigavon, Target, Solitaire, Caviare, Blotting Paper, Fanling Stag, Duke of Neuburg, Dumbell, As You Like It and May are some of the first-class performers entered for the meeting of the Fanling Hunt which is to take place next Sunday, the 24th inst.

The principal event on the card is the Fanling Grand National over a distance of 2½ miles and should be won by either My Lady or Acc of Spades, who are considered two of the crack steeple-chase ponies at our country meetings. Up to the present, these two ponies have not been opposed to each other, which makes it very difficult to decide as to which is the better.

Sunday's races should be most interesting in view of the variety of events, and judging by the first-class reports from the different stables, some good racing should be seen.

There are quite a number of new ponies who will be making their initial appearance before Fanling racegoers, but as I have not seen any of these ponies at work I am afraid I have no information to offer regarding their chances at the meeting over the week-end. The entries and handicaps are:

March Beef Stakes.—Once round Inside Course.

Winner \$100, 2nd \$50. For China Ponies. Winners at Kwanti this season of more than two races barred. Catch-weight at 170 lbs.

Bless, Caligula, Craigavon, Dumbell, Erin's Isle, Fanling Stag, Honeymoon, James Pigg, Kiangsu, May, Movanganer, Ploughman, Solitaire, Target, Why Not.

Spring Plate.—About 1¼ Miles on National Course.

Winner \$100, 2nd \$50. For China Ponies that have started at Kwanti previous to this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners this season of one race 6 lbs. penalty, or two races 8 lbs. penalty, of three or more races 14 lbs. penalty.

Ace of Spades (172), Blotting Paper (160), Caviare (161), Fanling Stag (158), Kam Ling (156), My Lady (175), Sea Hawk (157), Slang River (155).

March Maidens.—About 1 Mile on Inside Course.

Winner \$100, 2nd \$50. For China Ponies that have never won a steeple-chase. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have started at Kwanti allowed 5 lbs.

As You Like It (153 lbs.), Bless (158), Brown Sherry (158), Charlie (155), Drake (150), Duke of Neuburg (158), Erin's Isle (156), Fire Call (158), Honeymoon (150), May (150), Montana (155), Ploughman (155), San Francisco (158), Sea Hawk (150), Six Hundred (156), Strathlorn (153), Twilight Eve (155), Wovser (150).

Fanling Grand National Handicap.—About 2½ Miles on National Course.

For a Challenge Cup to be held by the Winner for one year. Winner to receive a replica of the Challenge Cup, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25. For China Ponies. Top weight 175 lbs., bottom weight 145 lbs.

Ace of Spades (176 lbs.), My Lady (175), Duke of Neuburg (158), San Francisco (158), James Pigg (155), Montana (155), Twilight Eve (155), As You Like It (146), Caviare (145), Fanling Stag (145), Movanganer (145).

The Country Cup.—About 1¼ Miles on National Course.

For a Cup, 2nd \$50. For China ponies that are in the opinion of the Joint Masters of the Fanling Hunt bona-fide "Country Ponies." Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of steeplechases to carry 5 lbs. penalty for each event won this season.

Blotting Paper (160 lbs.), Brown Sherry (158), Caligula (159), Caviare (161), Charlie (155), Craigavon (163), Drake (155), Dumbell (158), Fire Call (158), Kam Ling (156), Kiangsu (153), Slang River (155), Six Hundred (151), Solitaire (158), Strathlorn (153), Why Not (155).

The following will represent the Club against the Army in the Shield Match at Happy Valley on Monday:

P. T. Ride; J. Grieve, G. A. L. Plummer, H. V. Koop, L. Goldman, J. L. Bonita, R. H. Dowler, J. Ridnell, D. Milne-Day, E. R. West, P. L. P. Thomas, J. F. Akhurst, W. Lithgow Smith, J. A. E. Andrew and W. Leckie.

LOCAL RUGBY.

CLUB TEAM AGAINST ARMY.

The following will represent the Club against the Army in the Shield Match at Happy Valley from the 8th to the 10th instant.

E. Moore (88-18-58) and G. McLeod (90-22-68) tied and qualified.

Other scores were C. A. Grimes (88-18-70), B. E. Minghan (95-24-71), and R. Clark (88-13-78).

LAWN TENNIS.

HONDA AND AKIYAMA WIN IN FIVE SETS.

In a long-drawn-out doubles match, T. Honda and T. Akiyama beat Major Lucas and Dr. Tottenham in five sets, in the Open Doubles on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday afternoon, the scores being 8-10, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3, 6-1.

The Japanese were the more consistent and deserved their victory. They now meet the Rumjahns in the semi-final but judging by the holders' exhibition the previous day, yesterday's winners will not start favourites. They were more accurate than Major Lucas and Dr. Tottenham, but were not as brilliant until the last two sets, when Honda was solely responsible for their victory.

The English pair were erratic in the opening stages but established an early lead which they maintained throughout the first set. They had slightly the better of the play, and won after 18 games. In the second set the Japanese fought hard for the lead and made the score 3-1 in their favour. They were steadier, and took the set after nine games.

Major Lucas found his form in the third set and was particularly brilliant at the net. He brought off some beautiful shots and with Dr. Tottenham, who had been most erratic in the previous set, playing a more consistent game, they had little difficulty in making the sets 2-1 in their favour.

The Japanese fought stubbornly, and anything their play improved in the fourth set, Honda was the more prominent of the two and was serving well. Both made some almost impossible returns, especially with the Englishmen's smashes which lacked force. The Japanese asserted their superiority by taking the fourth set and then dominating the play in the final one. They took the first four games of the last set, and were playing at the top of their form.

They had the game well in hand, then, but failing light threatened to deprive them of victory. The English pair took the fifth game and looked like winning another, but Honda and his partner made no mistake and took the match after seven games.

The game between Sewell and Lawrence and Redmond and Hale, was called, the former pair receiving a walk-over.

The Results.

Open Doubles.—T. Honda and T. Akiyama beat Major Lucas and Dr. Tottenham 8-10, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3, 6-1; G. W. Sewell and J. G. Lawrie received a walk over from F. A. Redmond and J. Hale.

Handicap Singles "A"—L. Goldman (owe 16/4) beat H. R. Remington (owe 3/0) 6-0, 6-3.

Handicap Singles "B"—T. J. Price (owe 2/0) beat M. D. Scott (owe 2/6) 6-2, 6-0.

Handicap Doubles.—A. H. Penn and A. C. I. Bowker (rec. 15) beat A. Piercy and W. D. Fidder Wilson (Scr.) 6-4, 6-4.

To-day's Matches.

Open Singles.—Horace Lo v. E. C. Fincher.

Open Doubles.—Ng Sze-kwong and Ho Ka-lau v. J. S. McEachran and L. Goldman.

Handicap Singles "A"—D. S. Green (rec. 2/6) v. J. Barrow (rec. 3/6); S. E. Green (owe 15/1) v. A. Piercy (rec. 6/6); L. Forster (owe 15) v. W. A. Nowers (Scr.); H. J. Armstrong (owe 1/6) v. J. A. Summern (rec. 2/6).

Handicap Doubles.—G. W. Sewell and G. C. Grove (owe 15/1) v. R. K. Valentine and A. D. Humphreys (owe 5/6).

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When the defendant company was formed—and he, the Judge) was not casting any reflection upon Mr. Edgar Wallace—the public were asked to put their money on Mr. Edgar Wallace on the films. It was desired that he should be fully represented by engaging a distinguished producer of "super films." Mr. Olcott, and it was said in the prospectus that he was to direct personally at least two super films.

It seemed to him (the Judge), that "The Ringer" was incapable of treatment as a "super film," and that Mr. Olcott would have been wanting in his duty to his employers if he had not put that view forward.

"The defendants have failed to convince me," concluded his Lordship, "that there was any repudiation of the contract, or that they accepted repudiation. The result was that they dismissed the plaintiff from their service, and he is entitled to damages."

Judgment was entered accordingly for Mr. Olcott for the amount claimed with costs, and the counter-claim was dismissed with costs.

LOCAL BILLIARDS.

A WIN FOR CATHOLIC UNION.

A friendly billiards match took place last night at the Catholic Union Club, between the C. P. O. of H.M.S. Cornwall and the Catholic Union, and resulted in win for the Catholic Union by a margin of 214 points.

The best breakers were Mr. C. F. Vaa (40) and Mr. E. L. Barros (40).

H. M. S. Cornwall.

T. Hobley	114
J. Richards	200
D. Kinnahan	69
R. Small	200
F. Phillips	168
F. Horns	95.

Catholic Union Club.

C. F. Vaa	200
A. A. M. Rodrigues	193
E. L. Barros	200
E. I. Vaa	178
V. M. Barradas	194
M. A. Baptista	200

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TAMAR WHIST DRIVE.

BOGUS MARRIAGE.

HARBOURING CHARGE AGAINST "HUSBAND."

Charges of harbouring a young Chinese girl were brought against three Chinese, including two females, before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon. Mr. H. R. Butters, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, prosecuted.

In answer to the charge, the first defendant said that the girl had been fond of him and went to live with him. He did not make any enquiries and was not aware of the whereabouts of her parents. The second accused admitted that she had introduced the girl at the request of the third defendant to the man as his prospective wife. She took the girl to the man's house. The third defendant claimed that she was the first defendant's aunt and that the girl herself had wanted to live with the male defendant.

His Worship remarked that the first defendant's plea amounted to one of guilty but intimated that he would regard all the pleas as denied.

Mr. Butters, outlining the case, said that the girl resided in Hongkong with a woman who was stated to be her aunt, her mother being in the country. In December last year she was enticed or inveigled by the second defendant to leave her aunt. She was taken to a house in Yau Ma Tei, where she stayed for about a month.

During the period she was in the house, the first defendant made his appearance and the girl went through a bogus marriage ceremony with him. The couple moved to another house where they lived as man and wife. Later the girl ran away to the country and, together with her mother and aunt, who had also returned to the country, came back to the Colony and reported the affair to the Police.

In reply to his Worship, Mr. Butters said that there was no evidence against the third defendant, except what the second defendant had said.

His Worship, after hearing the evidence, discharged the third defendant, while the other two were remanded till to-morrow.

CAPITAL REDUCTION.

SANCTION FOR ARMSTRONG WHITWORTH'S.

London, Mar. 19. The Chancery Division has sanctioned the scheme of arrangement involving a reduction in the capital of Armstrong, Whitworth's from £1,000,000 to £1,250,000.—Reuter.

DOCTOR PRAISED.

SERVICES IN SMALL POX EPIDEMIC.

Reference to the small-pox epidemic was made by Mr. W. J. Carrie who presided at the usual fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday when a resolution was passed conveying to Dr. Lee Ying-yau an appreciation of his services rendered during the epidemic.

At the conclusion of the ordinary business of the Board, the President said he had a very pleasant duty to perform. As all members of the Board were aware, there had been an epidemic of small-pox in the Colony. It was also known that the department had been short-handed in the way of staff, but the Senior Inspector in Kowloon had done very well indeed.

However, there were matters which required to be put in the hands of a qualified doctor, and there were instances of concealed cases and anonymous reports which had to be investigated. Senior Inspector Duncan in Kowloon had been compelled to enlist the services of Dr. Lee Ying-yau and had gone to him frequently, always receiving an immediate response.

Mr. Carrie added that Dr. Lee had an extensive private practice, but in spite of this he had given his services most readily and had also used his own car, putting himself to a certain amount of personal expense. He thought, therefore, that the Board should express its appreciation of the services rendered by Dr. Lee in the small-pox epidemic and suggested that a letter should be written by the Secretary to him in the name of the Board.

The Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso seconded and suggested that in view of the public spirited way in which Dr. Lee had come forward in the present epidemic, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs should be acquainted with the services he had rendered.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga said that the Kowloon member of the Board, he would like to associate himself with the remarks of the President and the Hon. Dr. Tso. He thought that not only was the board indebted to Dr. Lee for his services at a time when the Department was short-handed but the Colony as a whole owed him its thanks.

Mr. Braga said he was glad the President had taken the opportunity of bringing his services forward so that the Board had an opportunity of thanking Dr. Lee for his work. He hoped that any letter of appreciation sent to him would be referred to the Colonial Secretary for the attention of H. E. the Governor.

Mr. Carrie said it might be suggested that no expression of the Board's appreciation should be made until the epidemic of small-pox was over, but the department now had an Assistant Medical

THE RECLAMATION.

CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PUBLIC PIER.

Another important step toward the development of the new reclamation at Wan Chai Head behind the rather bare statement made by the Harbour Master to the effect that the Prospino Rocks are being removed and that mariners are warned that they are prohibited from approaching to within 100 yards of these rocks under penalty of \$100.

A new public pier has been constructed opposite the low square building under construction for the Kwong Sang Hong Co. outside the reclamation. This building is painted white and forms a conspicuous landmark to those living on the Praya.

A visit paid to the vicinity by a representative of the S. C. M. Post revealed that the work of building the pier itself is finished and it needs only a few more touches to make it complete. It has been constructed very much on the same lines as Blake Pier, its dimensions being approximately 35 yards long and 15 yards broad.

The site occupied by the rocks was surrounded by water floats and workmen were seen on a boat working on a pump. It is understood that two divers are employed in the operation and blasting take place at noon and 5 p.m. daily.

The rocks would be in the way of vessels intending to approach this pier if they are not removed, hence the decision by the authorities to do so. The work of removing the rocks is in the hands of the Port Development Department, in which Mr. Adam Anderson, B.E., B.A., is Engineer-in-Charge.

Mr. Anderson told a S. C. M. Post representative that the rocks would be completely removed in about three or four months.

FEAST CELEBRATED.

CONCERT AT ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CLUB.

Shamshulpo Market.

With reference to a minute by the President in connexion with the allotment of stalls for the sale of bean curd and salt fish in markets, Mr. Carrie said that in 1918 the Board approved the allotment of stalls in Shamshulpo market. There were stalls licensed for the sale of fruit and vegetables and also sundries, the latter including bean curd and salt fish.

Some stalls, however, now only sold sundries, which involved a waste of market space as both bean curd and salt fish could be sold outside a market. He proposed, therefore, that the stallholders should sell fruit and vegetables and sundries or give up their stalls, being given until June 30 to make up their minds. He did not propose to cancel licences providing the stallholders sold food which should be sold in a market. Mr. Wong Kwong-tin seconded and the resolution was carried.

Recitations and monologues by Miss M. Watts, M.A., and Mrs. M. Bunji, were followed by violin solos by Master F. Abraham.

Mr. G. D'Aquino sang Tosci's "Could I" and "Come Back to Erin," and Father Gallagher, S.J., gave four really typical Irish melodies. Mr. R. M. Omar's impersonations further added to the enjoyment of the programme.

Fr. Riganti and Prof. Gualdi were the accompanists, and the stage management was in the capable hands of Mr. Blake.

JAPANESE TRADE.

A BIG DECLINE IN TRADE WITH CHINA.

During last month Japan's export trade amounted to 146,000,000 yen, according to advices received by the Japanese Consulate General. Trade with China showed a considerable decline during the month, mainly due to increased exports to China during January in anticipation of the new Customs duties. The result was that trade with China totalled 28,000,000 yen, there being an excess of imports over exports of 8,900,000 yen. The former figure shows a decline of 13,000,000, as compared with January, and a decline of 11,000,000 compared with the same month in the previous year.

The Yokohama Specie Bank was obliged to continue lowering exchange quotations up to the latter end of February. The financial market has remained easy with the loan market showing some animation. Industrial circles and stock goods markets are depressed owing to the cautious attitude which prevails. The share market is also dull, there being no demand for funds.

The main features of the Tariff Revision Bill to be put before the present session of the Diet are the total abolition of duties on luxuries which could be taxed in accordance with the Statutory Tariff rates, and the abolition of duties on such articles as black tea, coffee, honey, jam, fruits, jelly, cheese, cameras and ginger.

MONGKOK ROBBERY.

TWO MEN ACQUITTED AT THE SESSIONS.

The jury after hearing the evidence in the case in which Ho Chok-lam and Leung Ching were charged with committing a robbery at No. 239, Portland Street, Mongkok, on February 4, 1929, brought in verdicts of not guilty against both men who were accordingly discharged, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday. His Lordship, Mr. Justice Wood, remarked he could see that there was a reasonable doubt from the evidence.

Prisoner's Alibi.

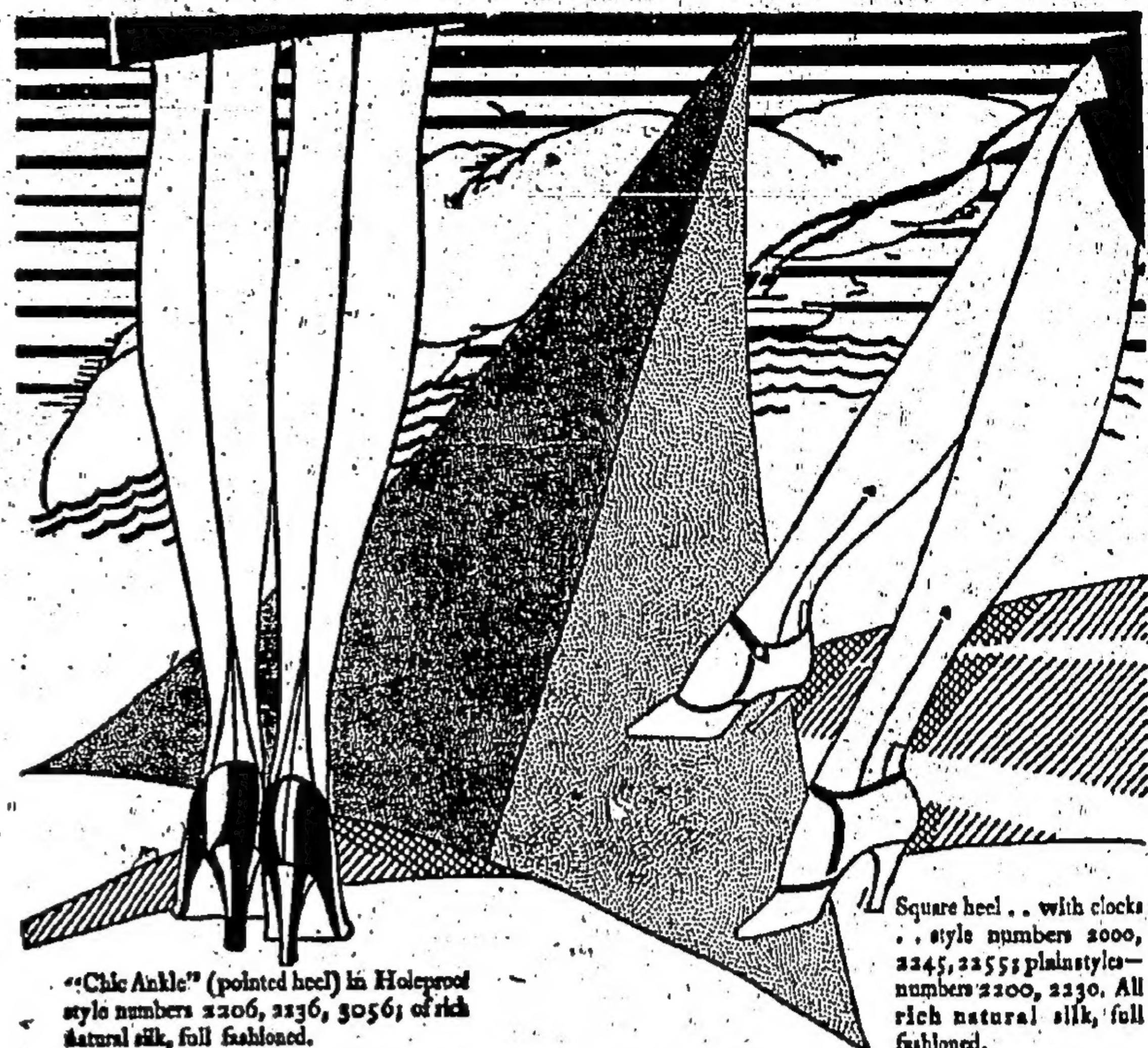
When the prisoners were asked if they wanted to make any statement, Ho Chok-lam averred that he had been wrongly identified, while Leung Ching put forward an alibi that on February 4, at the time of the robbery, he escorted his wife from Kowloon to Hongkong to catch a boat on which she returned to the country.

The prisoner's wife gave evidence of a corroborative nature and two telephone company employees, who said they had lived with the prisoner, also stated that his wife left about that time, but they could not remember the date.

After his Lordship had summed up, the jury retired and returned verdicts of not guilty against both men, who were accordingly discharged.

In discharging the men, his Lordship remarked he could quite see that there was a reasonable doubt from the evidence.

Addressing the jury, he said that if they were required to attend again they would be informed.



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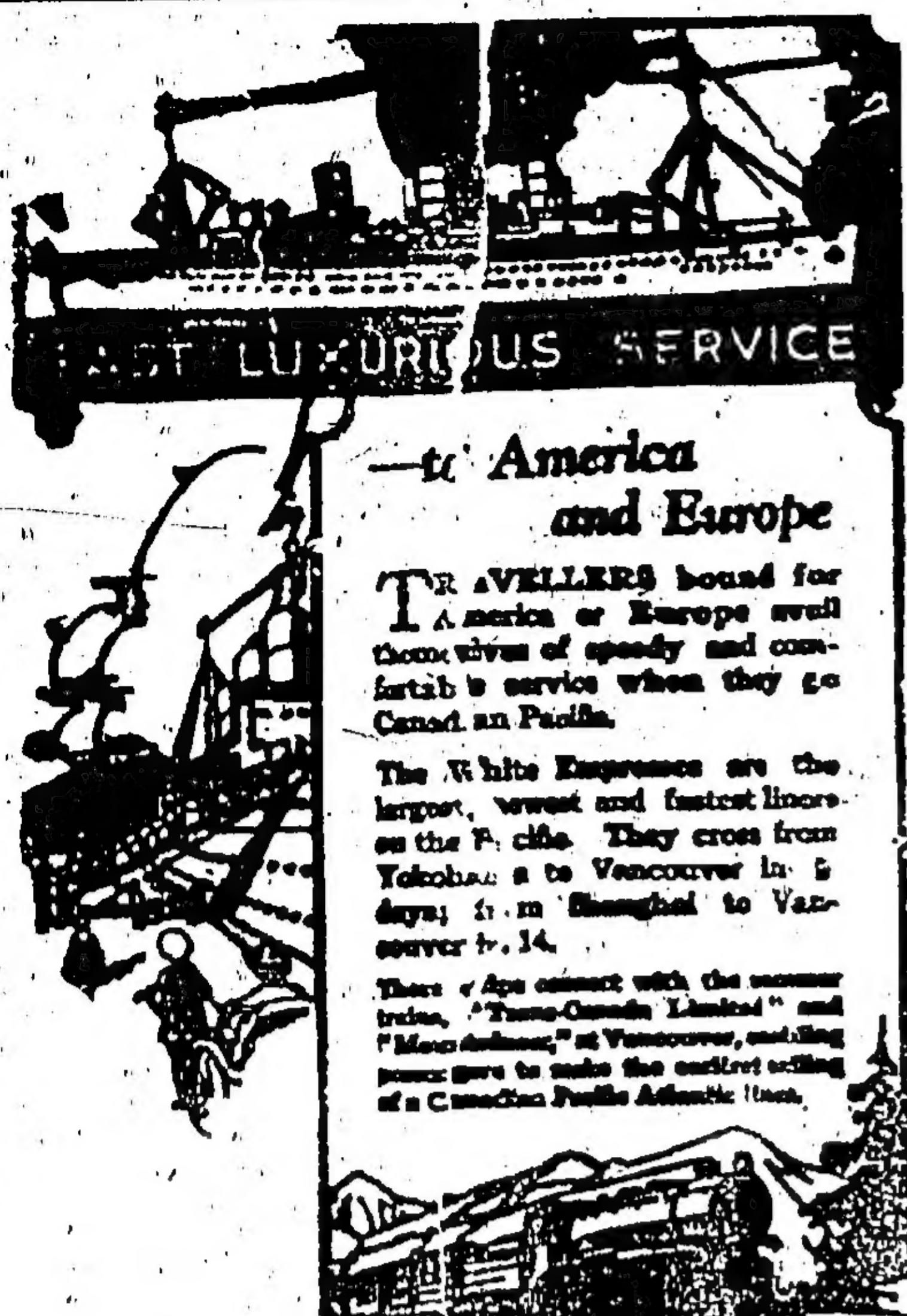
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GIESSEN WRECK.**ONLY THE KEEL HOLDING HER TOGETHER.**

Shanghai, Mar. 15.
Last news of the Norddeutscher freighter Giesen was that she was still afloat with a broken back, supported by Button Rock. The hull has split and only the keel holds the fore and aft parts of the vessel together. The waves are lifting and lowering the two parts, placing a tremendous strain on the keel, which is expected to snap at any moment and send the two sections sliding off the rock to the bottom. Soundings taken on either side of the projecting piece of Button Rock on which the Giesen is stranded show deep water all round.

Members of the crew reached Shanghai yesterday on the tug St. Samson and were transferred to one of the Norddeutscher Lloyd vessels in harbour, where they were given a good meal and a chance to sleep before being taken to the Savoy Hotel, where they are being put up. Captain J. Oteken and the Chief Officer are remaining near Button Rock on the tug Saucy, which was still standing by.

Almost Immediately in Two.

From the story of survivors as told to a representative of the N. C. D. News, the Giesen struck Button Rock at about 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday night. So great was the force of impact that the ship almost immediately broke in two between No. 3 hold and the engine room, a rush of water coming into the engine room and dousing the dynamo, putting lights and wireless immediately out of commission. The tide was so high that the Giesen was firmly stuck by the time the water receded slightly.

The ship took a heavy list very soon after striking and this hampered the efforts of the crew to lower away the boats. Only one big boat and one small one could be got into the water. After being stranded in this position for some time, never knowing when the vessel would break properly and sink, the crew sighted the P. & O. S. Khiva steaming outward. The weather was thick and misty and only repeated rockets and flares attracted the attention of the British liner, which immediately hove to and came as close as possible to the wreck.

Discovering that the crew of the Giesen were safe, having boats enough to land them on the rock, the commander of the Khiva, according to the stories told, did not lower any of his own boats to the rescue and risk them and his men in the heavy seas which were running. One boat containing seven men from the wrecked steamer managed to reach the liner, however, and were taken on board. The remainder sought safety on the rock. They landed on the rock about midnight.

It was bitterly cold there, but the stranded men found an hospitable bont in the Chinese lighthouse-keeper, who provided them with a meal of rice and distributed among them his supply of cigarettes. Later the sailors were able to board the Giesen again and collect more clothing and some blankets. There were distributed among the crew, and with them they managed to keep warm.

Arrival in Shanghai.

Being a mail-carrier, the Khiva stood by only until the arrival of the Saucy and then left for Hongkong. The Saucy found it difficult to approach the rock near enough to take off the survivors until after the arrival of the St. Samson, and the men were taken on board the latter tug at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. They arrived in Shanghai about 3 p.m. yesterday and were met by agents of the company with another supply of warm clothing. Most of them appeared to be spent and exhausted, disinclined to talk until they had had some chance to refresh themselves.

It is understood that none of them are seriously the worse for their 36 hours' exposure and hardship.

The tug Saucy is still standing by, although nothing else can be done now in regard to salvaging the ship, but suspicious craft have been seen in the vicinity and it is thought that an attempt at piracy might be made. The Saucy, therefore, will remain by the ill-fated vessel until further assistance arrives.

We understand that the Tokyo Salvage Co.'s salvage tug Nasu Maru, in charge of Capt. Miyazaki, has left Nagasaki for the wreck when a report of the chances of salvaging the vessel and cargo will be made by wireless. Capt. Miyazaki was in charge of the salvage operation on the Glen Line str. Glenamoy some years ago when she was wrecked. After temporary repairs the vessel was refloated, towed to Japan and completely repaired. She is still running on the London-Far Eastern run.

How short of rations the men had been could be gauged by their welcome of a good dinner at the Savoy.

Carried by Current.

Later one of them told the following story:

Wo struck at 10:30 or 11. The ship heeled over and snapped in two, the wireless between the masts breaking overhead owing to the parting of the two ends. The rough sea forced the ship broadside against the rock and gave us a heavy list so that we could not easily launch the boats.

We managed, however, to launch a big boat and some of us went on to the island. We were wet and it was very cold indeed. We had nothing to eat for 30 hours, except some rice from the two Chinese at the lighthouse. We went on to the island about 12:30 on Tuesday morning, but the captain stuck to the ship until 3 a.m. before he left her, when there seemed no chance of doing anything to save her.

We were wet and cold on the island. There was nothing to keep us warm. It was very rough and the little ship had to wait a long time to take us on board. But when we got on board we were warm.

The only explanation of the accident which could be got from the junior members of the crew was that there was a strong current and the seas were so big that the ship could not be properly controlled. According to them, the ship was carried out of her course, which should have cleared the Button Rock, and dashed against a tooth of rock outstanding from the main rock. The force of the waves which swept the vessel into this position was such that it heeled her broadside over, a sharp lifting ridge catching her almost amidships. There being no rocks to support the bow or stern, the vessel broke its back, and when they last saw it the bow and stern, except for a small portion of the stern deck, were under water.

RADIO BROADCAST.**THE LOCAL PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.**

Broadcast by Z.B.W. on 350 metres, 8.30-9.30 p.m. Programme of Chinese Music. (Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. Sincere Co.)

7.45 p.m. Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m. Evening Programme. (Com- lumbia Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. Anderson and Co.)

"The Merchant of Venice—Incidental Music" (F. Rossini).

No. 1 Intermezzo "Portia."

No. 3 Oriental March.

Organ Solo, Quentin M. MacLean.

"Faust," (Gounod), Vocal Gems,

Miriam, Licitta and Chorus.

"Song Hit—Organ Medley,"

Organ Solo, Quentin M. MacLean.

"La Gioconda," (Ponchielli),

"Madame Butterfly," (Puccini),

"Hark, Hark, the Lark,"

Quartet in E flat—Allegro,"

Musical Art Quartet.

"La Traviata—Chorus of Gipsies,"

(Verdi),

"Mafistofele," (Bolte),

La Scala Chorus of Milan.

"Le Maschere," Sinfonia,

(Mascagni),

Milan Symphony Orchestra.

"Song Hit—Organ Medley,"

Organ Solo, Quentin M. MacLean.

Trio (No. 1) in E flat;

Allegro, Moderate.

Andante Un Poco Mosso.

Scherzo; Allegro Vivace.

Yello D'Aranyi (Violin);

Felix Salmond (Cello);

Myra Hess (Pianoforte).

"Sanctuary of the Heart,"

In a Monastery Garden,"

Organ Solo, Patman.

"This Year of Grace," (Coward),

Selection, The London Pavilion

Orchestra.

"Impromptu No. 1 in F Minor,"

(Schubert),

Piano Solo, Ethel Leginska.

10.10 p.m. News Bulletin.

"Impromptu No. 2 in A flat,"

"Impromptu No. 4 in F minor,"

(Schubert),

Piano Solo, Ethel Leginska.

"Tachikawana,"

Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra.

10.30 p.m. Close Down.

VERTICAL ASCENT.

LIFTING POWER OF THE HELICOGLYRE.

London, Mar. 19.

Lecturing to the Royal Aeronautical Society, Signor Shacco, inventor of the Helicogyre flying machine, designed for vertical ascent and landing, said that experiments conducted with two machines made for the French Government had shown that, with fifty horse power, 1,320 pounds could be raised.—*British Wireless*.

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The missing fok, for whom the police are now searching, is described as a native of Macao and is believed to be about twenty years of age.

GRIM MURDER.

SAMPAN GIRLS DONE TO DEATH.

Following a report made at the Water Police Station yesterday morning by the master of cargo junk No. 1033T, the murder squad of the local Police Force was set in motion throughout yesterday in the attempt to locate a junk fok who is alleged to have murdered two girls and assaulted a youth with a chopper.

According to the statement made by the junk master, at the Water Police Station, on Monday morning his two daughters went ashore in order to secure some business for his junk. At six o'clock in the evening, the master sent a fok named Chau Kau in a dinghy to fetch his two daughters, giving him instructions to meet them at the Wing Lok Street Wharf. The master's son, named Cheung Kau also went with the fok to meet his sisters.

Up to a late hour on Monday night the party did not return to their junk, and the master began to feel uneasy for his children's welfare. He went ashore and made a personal search through the night, without any result, so that early yesterday morning he made a report to the authorities.

Corpse Found in Boat.

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A RESIGNATION.

LORD LOVAT'S HEALTH REQUIRES STEP.

London, Mar. 19. It is announced that Lord Lovat has been compelled, by considerations of health, to tender his resignation of the Chairmanship of the Overseas Settlement Committee, and the Prime Minister has reluctantly accepted it.

Lord Lovat, who was formerly Under Secretary for the Dominions, set out recently to visit Canada, Australia and New Zealand in connection with overseas settlement. Shortly after his arrival in New Zealand from Canada, ill-health necessitated a cancellation of his visit to Australia.—British Wireless.

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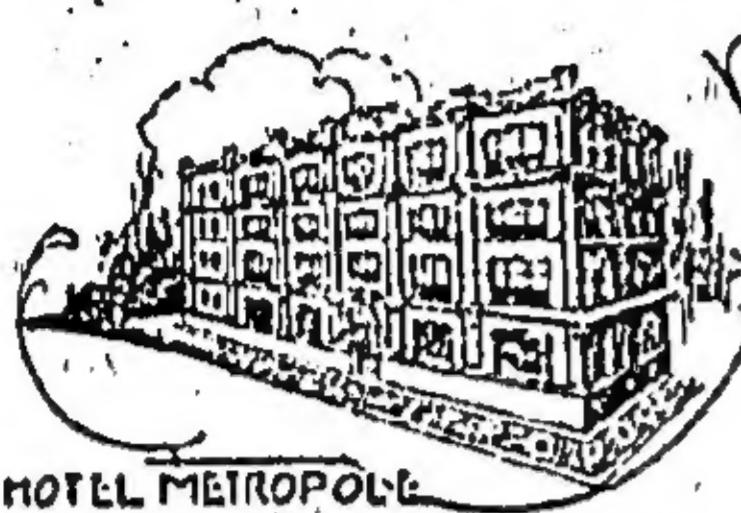
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BIG RISE IN PRICE OF PETROL.**COMPANIES SEEK TO JUSTIFY THE INCREASE.****GOVERNMENT'S STUDY.**

London, Mar. 19. Replying to Commander Kenworthy, who requested a further statement regarding the price of petrol and other oils in England, Mr. Stanley Baldwin said that he had received a long statement today from the companies concerned which will be published.

He added that it was much too early to say whether the answer was satisfactory to the Government.

Mr. J. H. Thomas suggested that the preferable course would have been for the Government to consider the question and to give judgment.

Mr. Baldwin disagreed, expressing the opinion that the matter was of such general public interest that the fullest publicity was desirable.

A joint statement was issued to the Press to-day by the Anglo-American, the Anglo-Persian and the Shell-Mex companies justifying the increased price of petroleum products.

Statistics are given in support of their contention that the price of motor-spirit and kerosene in Britain has, for a long time, been much below the world prices, owing to the sale of Soviet supplies far below the level of world values.

This action compelled the signatories to the agreement to meet the situation, or to withdraw wholly or in part from the trade.

In February, however, arrangements were made with the Soviet authorities terminating the price war, which has existed for almost two years.

This permitted a return towards world prices in Great Britain, and which, in the long run, is essential to the maintenance of supplies to the British Market.—Reuter.

SINGAPORE BASE DEBATE.**LABOUR PARTY RETURNS TO THE ATTACK.****REDUCTION OF WAGES.**

London, Mar. 19. A warm debate developed in the House of Commons to-day arising out of the Navy Estimates, when the Labour Party renewed their periodical attacks on the Singapore Base.

The activities of the Conservative Government in connexion with the Base were keenly criticised, and a Labour motion was put to the House for a reduction in the vote to the Navy.

In addition to the assertion that the Singapore Base was calculated to arouse the suspicions of other nations, notably Japan, the Labour spokesmen declared that one of the recent developments, the reduction of the wages of the labourers at Singapore, was the result of complaints by the local planters that the naval contractors were taking away their labour.

Lt. Col. C. M. Headlam, replying for the Admiralty, denied that the reduction of wages was due to this reason.

The Labour motion was defeated by 146 votes to 73, and the Navy vote was agreed.—Reuter.

GERMANY OPPOSED TO POISON-GAS.**REICHSTAG COMMITTEE FAVOURS PROTOCOL.**

Berlin, Mar. 19. The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Reichstag has adopted a Bill to give effect to the Geneva Protocol prohibiting the use of poison gas during wartime.

Herr von Schubert, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, emphasised that the Protocol was the best means of dispelling any erroneous belief that Germany had anything to hide in respect of chemical warfare.—Reuter.

VICEROY OF INDIA.**TO PAY SHORT VISIT TO ENGLAND.**

London, Mar. 19. It is officially announced that the Secretary of State for India has invited Lord Irwin, the Viceroy, to come to England in June on short leave, not to exceed four months, in order to secure a personal discussion with him.

Lord Irwin has accepted the invitation, provided the state of public affairs permits.

H.M. the King has approved the appointment of Viscount Gochen, Governor of Madras, to act as Viceroy during Lord Irwin's absence.—Reuter.

CENTENARY BOAT RACE PROMISE.**KEENEST STRUGGLE EVER SEEN IS LIKELY.****SPLENDIDLY MATCHED**

London, Mar. 19. Everything is contributing to make the Centenary Boat Race the greatest ever.

Two finer and more closely matched crews have never before gone to the Tideway to practice. They are likely to be favoured by ideal conditions, while neither crew has given the slightest indication of staleness. Both are keyed up to the finest point, and the splendid times recorded by both in full course trials last week definitely indicate that it will be a classic struggle.

Cambridge, who have won the race for the past five years successively, are the popular favourites, but expert opinion still wavers.

Both crews have finished their hard training and are taking easy practice daily.

It is generally accepted that the Oxford team is superior at stroke, where Graham's determination may turn the scale.—Reuter.

The probable crews are:

Cambridge.

E. Norman Butler (Eton and Third Trinity) (bow) ... 11 8

2. R. J. Ellis (Marlborough and Trinity Hall) ... 12 2½

3. R. A. Davies Cooks (Eton and Third Trinity) ... 12 2½

4. Steely (Oundle and First Trinity) ... 13 0

5. T. A. Wariner (Harrow and First Trinity) ... 13 0½

6. J. B. Collins (Eton and Third Trinity) ... 14 4½

7. C. P. Wool-Lock (Westminster and Third Trinity) (stroke) ... 11 12½

T. A. Hockinshank (Eton and Third Trinity) (stroke) ... 11 5

H. E. Swartout (Middlesex, U.S.A., and First Trinity) (cox) ... 7 8½

"Old Blue."

Oxford.

H. C. Morpeth (Geelong and Branscombe) (bow) ... 12 45

2. G. E. Godber (Bedford and New College) ... 12 8

3. S. Macdonald Smith (Nottingham High School and New College) 12 4½

4. J. M. Macdonald (Winchester and Magdalen) ... 12 8

5. C. H. H. H. (Pembroke) ... 12 9

6. A. Ingles (Tasmania University and Magdalen) ... 13 6

7. D. E. Timms (Eton and Westover) ... 11 2

A. Graham (Kensington and Branscombe) (stir) ... 11 2

G. V. Stopford (Radley and New College) (cox) ... 9 1

"Old Blue."

Canton, Mar. 19. On receipt of information to the effect that a gang of Communists had assembled in the Tungkuon district with the object of making seditious speeches and inducing peasants to join them, the police authorities sent out a squad of police and detectives to the district.

Three Communists were arrested, one being a young woman twenty years of age. She was brought back here for trial together with the other two Communists. It was afterwards disclosed that she was, at one time, on the Executive Committee of the Women's Reformation Association of Canton and adviser to Mrs. Liao Chung-kai, a notable "Leftist" who is believed to be at Moscow.

It is said that she was a very good-looking woman, smartly dressed, with bobbed hair and horn-rimmed spectacles. She admitted that she, together with other Communists, had plotted to stir up a riot at the Tungkuon district and intended to restore the Communist regime at Canton.

She was executed yesterday afternoon by order of the Canton Government.—Nam Chung Poa.

FOR THE BRITISH MINERS.

Kowloon Children's Gift of \$15.

Four Kowloon children, all of one family, have performed a very kindly act by subscribing a sum of \$15 towards the British Miners' Relief Fund.

The money is sent by Master F. Winyard, Junr., who, in forwarding it, writes:—Please receive fifteen dollars which me and my brother Jim, and sister Mary and Kathleen, are sending you for the poor miners of England." The gift and the spirit prompting it are much appreciated.

This donation brings the amount so far received by the Telegraph to \$6,053.50 and 10/—.

NEW DEVELOPMENT IN AFGHANISTAN.**BACHA SAKAO TOLD, MORE OR LESS, TO RETIRE.**

Peshawar, Mar. 19.

General Nadir Khan, the former Afghanistan War Minister and Generalissimo, who recently arrived in the country from Nice with a view to assisting in the establishment of peace, has invited Bacha Sakao (Habibullah Khan) to discuss the question of "selecting a ruler."

He puts it this way on the ground that Bacha Sakao lacks the necessary kingly qualifications, and he threatens that if Bacha Sakao declines to co-operate, he will use his influence to create a tribal rising.—Reuter.

WONDERFUL RECEPTION TO PRINCE AND BRIDE.

Oslo, Mar. 19.

The Crown Prince Olaf and his bride-to-be were tumultuously welcomed on their arrival for the wedding which takes place tomorrow. The Crown Prince arrived at the station an hour ahead of the Princess Martha, and was greeted by King Haakon.

Father and son were cheered in the sharp staccato Norwegian fashion as they drove to the Palace.

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Prince Olaf proudly introduced her to the notabilities on the platform. The happy couple then entered a four-horse landau and drove to the Palace along Karl Johan Street, one of the finest in Europe.

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